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Dear Interested Party:

I am pleased to inform you I have signed a decision for the Jasper Mountain project authorizing vegetation and fuel management activities on approximately 2,037 acres, as well as road maintenance/management activities and watershed improvement activities. The enclosed Decision Memo documents the activities and explains my rationale.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for your interest in this project. We initiated a collaborative process to develop this project in August 2014 and anticipated a decision around December 2014. As many of you know, we experienced delays in scoping the proposed action so I could spend additional time with the interdisciplinary team to understand what actions may be most appropriate for the project area, while also considering input you shared at the workshop to develop the purpose and need and proposed action. Your patience as we worked through this process was greatly appreciated, as was your continued interest in and dedication to developing this project. Based on feedback from members of the interdisciplinary team working on this project, I genuinely believe the efforts to collaboratively develop this project led to a more informed decision that better addresses the needs and concerns you helped identify.

I anticipate project implementation activities will begin in summer 2015. If you have any questions about the project, please direct them to Tera Little, Project Leader, at (406) 329-3146 or [teralittle@fs.fed.us](mailto:teralittle@fs.fed.us). Additional information about the project can also be found on the project webpage at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/projects/ipnf/landmanagement/projects> (scroll down and click on the Jasper Mountain link).

Sincerely,

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Forest Supervisor

